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Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A label for a beverage container, comprising: an elongated strip of flexible material having first and second ends, inner and outer surfaces and upper and lower edges; a first quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said first end; a second quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said second end; a third quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip in a region spaced from said first and second ends; a tear line extending laterally across said strip between said upper and lower edges, said tear line being positioned adjacent to said third quantity of adhesive between said third quantity of adhesive and said second end of the strip, and defining an adhesive-free area on said inner surface between said tear line and said second quantity of adhesive; and said material of said strip comprising a tamper-evident structure wherein said tamper-evident structure comprises a frangible material that leaves a residue of fibers when peeled from a quantity of adhesive, wherein said material of said strip comprises a core layer positioned between a pair of bonding layers.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A label for a beverage container, comprising: an elongated strip of flexible material having first and second ends, inner and outer surfaces and upper and lower edges; a first quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said first end; a second quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said second end; a third quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip in a region spaced from said first and second ends; a tear line extending laterally across said strip between said upper and lower edges, said tear line being positioned adjacent to said third quantity of adhesive between said third quantity of adhesive and said second end of the strip, and defining an adhesive-free area on said inner surface between said tear line and said second quantity of

adhesive; and said material of said strip comprising a tamper-evident structure wherein said tamper-evident structure comprises a frangible material that leaves a residue of fibers when peeled from a quantity of adhesive, wherein said second quantity of adhesive is applied to said label in the form of discrete dots covering an area of said inner surface.

7. (Previously Presented) A label for a beverage container, comprising: an elongated strip of flexible material having first and second ends, inner and outer surfaces and upper and lower edges; a first quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said first end; a second quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said second end; a third quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip in a region spaced from said first and second ends; a tear line extending laterally across said strip between said upper and lower edges, said tear line being positioned adjacent to said third quantity of adhesive between said third quantity of adhesive and said second end of the strip, and defining an adhesive-free area on said inner surface between said tear line and said second quantity of adhesive; and said material of said strip comprising a tamper-evident structure wherein said tamper-evident structure comprises a frangible material that leaves a residue of fibers when peeled from a quantity of adhesive, wherein said second quantity of adhesive is applied to said label in the form of a pair of rectangles spaced apart from each other adjacent to said second end of the label.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A label for a beverage container, comprising: an elongated strip of flexible material having first and second ends, inner and outer surfaces and upper and lower edges; a first quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said first end; a second quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said second end; a third quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip in a region spaced from said first and second ends; a tear line extending laterally across said strip between said upper and lower edges, said tear line being positioned adjacent to said third quantity of adhesive between said third quantity of adhesive and said second end of the strip, and defining

an adhesive-free area on said inner surface between said tear line and said second quantity of adhesive; and said material of said strip comprising a tamper-evident structure wherein said tamper-evident structure comprises a frangible material that leaves a residue of fibers when peeled from a quantity of adhesive, wherein said first and third quantities of adhesive are applied to said label as continuous layers forming elongated stripes extending from said upper to said lower edges, wherein said stripe containing said first quantity of adhesive has a width narrower than a width of said stripe containing said third quantity of adhesive.

Claims 10-17 (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A labeled container comprising a container wall adapted to enclose a product and a label comprising an elongated strip of flexible material having first and second ends, inner and outer surfaces and upper and lower edges; a first quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said first end; a second quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip adjacent to said second end; a third quantity of adhesive applied to said inner surface of said strip in a region spaced from said first and second ends; a tear line extending laterally across said strip between said upper and lower edges, said tear line being positioned adjacent to said third quantity of adhesive between said third quantity of adhesive and said second end of the strip, and defining an adhesive-free area on said inner surface between said tear line and said second quantity of adhesive; and said material of said strip comprising a tamper-evident structure wherein said tamper-evident structure comprises a frangible material that leaves a residue of fibers when peeled from a quantity of adhesive, wherein said first quantity of adhesive adheres said first end of said label to said wall of said container, said third quantity of adhesive adheres said inner surface of the label partly to said outer surface of the label at said first end and partly to said wall of said container, and said second quantity of adhesive adheres said second end of said strip to said outer surface of said strip.

19. (Currently Amended) The labeled container of claim 18, wherein said label has a strength and said second quantity of adhesive adheres to said outer surface of said label with an adhesive strength adapted to prevent accidental detachment of said strip at said second end during storage

and transportation of said labeled container, but to allow deliberate manual peeling of said second end from said outer surface of said strip.

Claims 20-25 (Canceled)